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WASHINGTON PARK MAN SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN CRACK COCAINE DISTRIBUTION CONSPIRACY

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on April 19, 2006, ANTWAN L. TOMPKIN, age 27, of Washington Park, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. TOMPKIN, who had previously pled guilty to a one-count indictment, charging him with conspiracy to distribute 5 grams of more of crack cocaine, was sentenced to 120 months' imprisonment, 5 years' supervised release, and was fined \$200.

The violation took place between September 2004, and October 1, 2004, in Williamson County. A co-defendant was previously sentenced to 262 months' imprisonment.

The investigation was conducted by the Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, Marion Police Department, Williamson County Sheriff's Department, and Drug Enforcement Administration, pursuant to those agencies' participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative in the Southern District of Illinois. Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors are working together to prosecute drug dealers, felons in possession of firearms, and criminals that use firearms to commit violent offenses or drug trafficking offenses.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.